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SUBJ: UN ADMINISTRATION: UNCTAD/GATT ITC ADMINISTRATIVE
ARRANGEMENTS

REF: (A) A/C.5/1533

(B) A/0998/ADD.18

(C) STATE 8874

(D) GENEVA 271

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SUMMARY: MISSION REQUESTS CLARIFICATION OF US POLICY IN LIGHT OF
APPARENT INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN POSITIONS OF US DELS AT 28TH UNGA
AND ITC TECHCOM AND JAG MTGS. END SUMMARY

1. DEPT WILL RECALL THAT QUESTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGE-
MENTS FOR UNCTAD/GATT INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER (ITC) WERE SUBJECT
OF CONSIDERATION IN 28TH UNGA. REPORT OF SYG (REF A), WHICH PRO-
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POSED CERTAIN CHANGES IN EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS, WAS RESULT OF ANALYSIS

OF SITUATION UNDERTAKEN BY UN ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT SERVICE (AMS).

INTENT OF CHANGES PROPOSED BY AMS WAS TO STRENGTHEN ITC ADMINISTRATION

AND CLARIFY RESPONSIBILITIES OF VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED.

2. SYG'S REPORT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CONSIDERED IN DEPTH BY ACABQ (REF B), WHICH RECOMMENDED THAT UNGA, IN EFFECT, ENDORSED PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN REF A. ARRANGEMENTS CONTAINED THEREIN WERE FULLY SUPPORTED BY USYG DAVIDSON, WHOSE MAJOR OBJECTIVES WERE THAT ITC RECEIVE NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND THAT FACILITIES OF UN OFFICE GENEVA BE EFFICIENTLY UTILIZED.

3. INSTRUCTIONS ON SUBJECT CONTAINED IN REF C ARE CONSISTENT WITH POSITION US DEL TOOK IN 28TH UNGA AND OBJECTIVES BEING SOUGHT BY DAVIDSON. MISSION WAS SURPRISED WITH POSITION TAKEN BY US REP IN TECHNICAL COMITE (TECHCOM) AND SUBSEQUENTLY IN JOINT ADVISORY GROUP (JAG), WHICH RUN COUNTER BOTH TO OUR GA POSITION AND DEPT'S INSTRUCTIONS. ASSERTION MADE IN REF D THAT PROVISIONAL ARRANGEMENTS "HAVE NOW PROVEN

UNWORKABLE TO ITC" WOULD APPEAR FROM THIS DISTANCE TO BE SUSPECT. FROM PARA 11 OF REF D, IT APPEARS TO US THAT JUSTIFICATION FOR OUR POSITION IN TECHCOM AND JAG WAS BASED ON ATTITUDES OF ITC DIR FOR PROGRAMS (JACOBSON). OBJECTIVITY OF JACOBSON RE ITC ADMINISTRATION IS ALSO SUSPECT FROM OUR VANTAGE POINT.

4. MISSION IS CONCERNED ABOUT INCONSISTENCY IN POSITION WE HAVE TAKEN ON SUBJECT IN VARIOUS UNFORA, AS WELL AS POSSIBLE IMPACT WHICH TECHCOM AND JAG ACTION MIGHT HAVE, NOT ONLY ON ITC BUT ALSO ON BROADER EFFORTS TO STREAMLINE AND STRENGTHEN UN. US SUPPORT IN ONE FORUM FOR MAINTENANCE OF STATUS QUO IS EVEN MORE PERPLEXING, GIVEN FACT THAT ISSUE HAD BEEN FULLY STUDIED BY APPROPRIATE UN BODY AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THAT BODY ENDORSED BY USYG DAVIDSON. AT RISK OF APPEARING PRESUMPTUOUS, MISSION INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT TECHCOM AND JAG, IN SUPPORTING RETURN

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TO STATUS QUO, ACTED FROM NARROW-BASED, PAROCHIAL VIEWPOINT, AND WERE CAPTIVE OF INFO PROVIDED BY INDIVIDUALS (INCLUDING JACOBSON) WITH VESTED INTERESTS IN PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS.

5. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION OF ISSUE AND, IN PARTICULAR, WHERE WE GO FROM HERE.
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